

# California Redistricting Commission

Agenda Item #8

Update on 2020 Census

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# Introductions



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## Challenges this Year

- U.S. Census Bureau operational adjustments
- COVID-19
- Wildfires and hazardous air quality
- Evacuations
- Heatwaves
- Public safety power shut offs
- Civic unrest



## Hard to Count Index – Characteristics

- 1. Percent of households without **broadband subscriptions**
- 2. Percent of households that are **non-family**
- 3. Percent of occupied housing units that are renter-occupied
- 4. Percent of total housing units that are vacant
- 5. Percent crowded
- 6. Percent of population that is **foreign-born**
- 7. Percent of adults (25 or older) who are **not high-school graduates**
- 8. Percent of population with income below 150 percent of poverty level
- 9. Percent of households receiving public assistance income
- 10. Percent of persons (ages 16 or older) unemployed
- 11. Percent limited-English households
- 12. Percent of persons who **moved from outside county** in past year
- 13. Percent of **population under 5**
- 14. Percent of total housing units with 3 or more units in a multi-unit structure



## California's Self Response Rate

- California's self-response rate (SRR) is 69.6 percent based on the latest data
- California surpassed 2010 SRR of 68.2 percent by 1.4 percentage points
- California surpassed the national 2020 SRR of 67 percent by 2.6 percentage points and ranked 15th in the nation
- Of the 10 largest states, California had the highest average SRR in the hardest-tocount areas
  - California outperformed other large states in getting households in areas with large shares of key hard to count characteristics to self-respond: households with children under 5; lack of broadband subscription; multi unit dwellings; renters, foreign born, adults not graduated from high school; people living at or near poverty; limited English households; crowded housing; people receiving public assistance; and people who are unemployed.



## Partner Outreach During COVID-19

#### Outreach and Events:

- Virtual activities: Events, town halls, Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs), library story time, webinars, presentations, forums, convenings, civic meetings and influencer campaigns, raffles and viral video challenges
- Social distancing in-person activities: Caravans, community walks in low response rate neighborhoods, faith based, street team artist activities, no contact canvassing
- In-person activities: Outreach in waiting rooms, exam rooms, COVID-19 testing/screening tents, mobile clinic sites, onsite food pantries, canvassing, booths at events, QAC/QAKs, supporting Mobile Questionnaire Assistance (MQAs), Platicas (house meetings), smaller neighborhood and community events, soccer games, rodeos, fairs and farmers market.





## Partner Outreach During COVID-19

- Materials: Creation and distribution of materials including banners, postcards, toolkits, bags, facemasks, lawn signs, table tents, coasters, bookmarks and stickers.
- Flyers/Mailers: Flyers distributed with school lunches, through food banks, diaper distributions, farmworker "crew of the week" lunches, senior meal delivery, independent food delivery services, grocery stores, laundromats and COVID-19 testing centers, mailers to PO Boxes, in utility bills, unemployment packages, through "every door direct mail" and letter writing campaigns.
- Text/Email/ Phone Banking: Weave census messaging into telehealth visit reminders, outbound call campaigns, including "patch through" call programs, calls via schools robo-calling systems, on hold messages and text messaging.





## **Census Office Timeline**

### **2017**

- Began Census planning at Demographic Research Unit (DRU)
- 2017 Budget Act initial \$10 million appropriation
- \$3 million for initial planning efforts
  - \$7 million for Local Update of Census Address operation incentives
- Moved to the Office of Planning and Research (OPR)

### <u>2018</u>

- Executive Order (B-49-18) established California's Census 2020 initiative
- Created the California Complete Count Committee
- Legislature formed select committees



## **Census Office Timeline**

### 2018 (continued)

- Launched a statewide readiness assessment
- 2018 Budget Act \$90.3 million additional investment
- Moved to Government Operations Agency (GovOps)

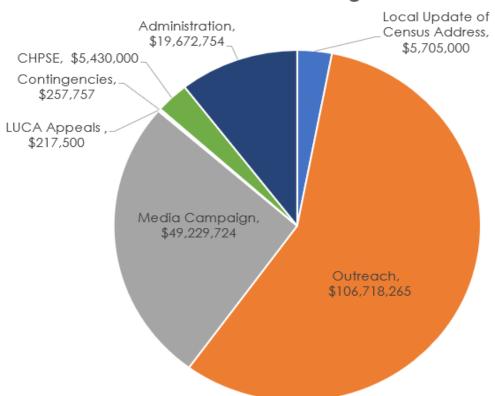
### <u>2019</u>

- Initial roster of regional/statewide contracted partners selected
- 2019 Budget Act \$84 million additional investment
- Developed Language and Communication Access Plan
- Selected primary media contractor
- Conducted Implementation Plan Workshops

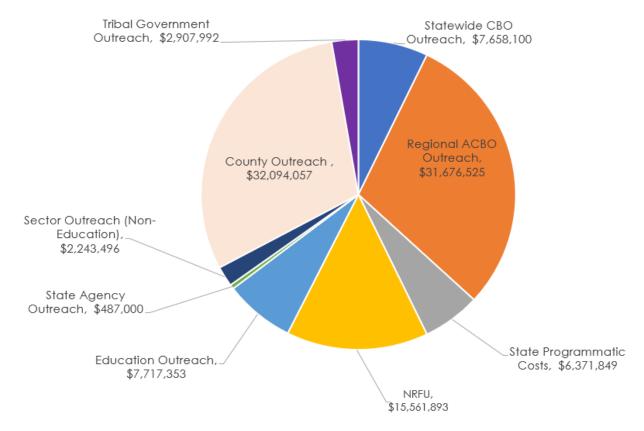


## Census Office – Funding Overview

#### 2020 Census Funding Allocations



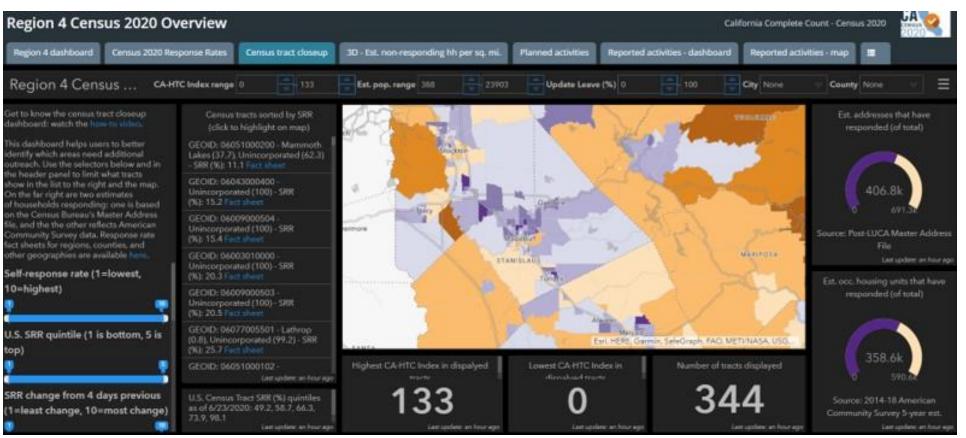
#### **Outreach Funding Allocations**





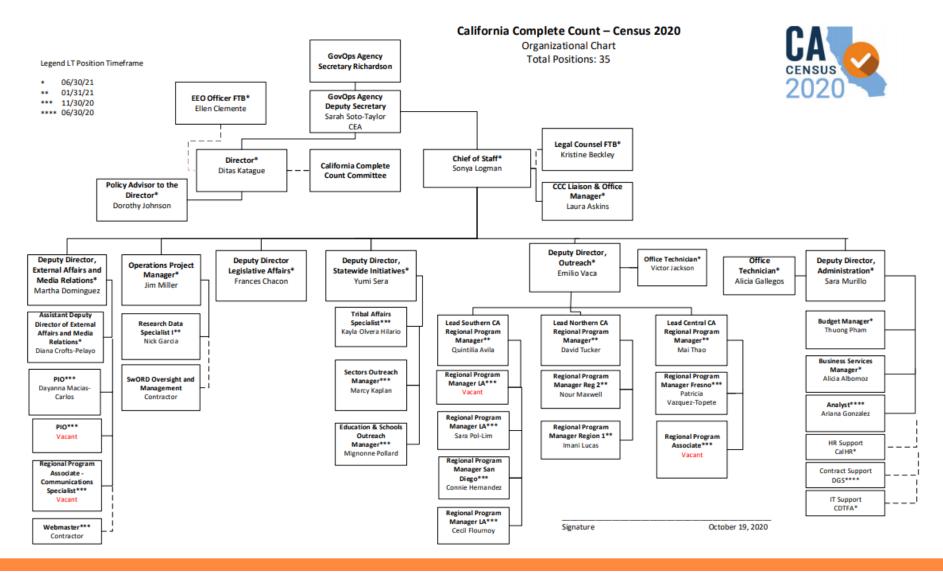
## Census Office – Planning Tools

- Assisted partners with response rate visualizations through maps, layers and apps
- Census tract dash boards by region inform decisions to maximize outreach investment and activities



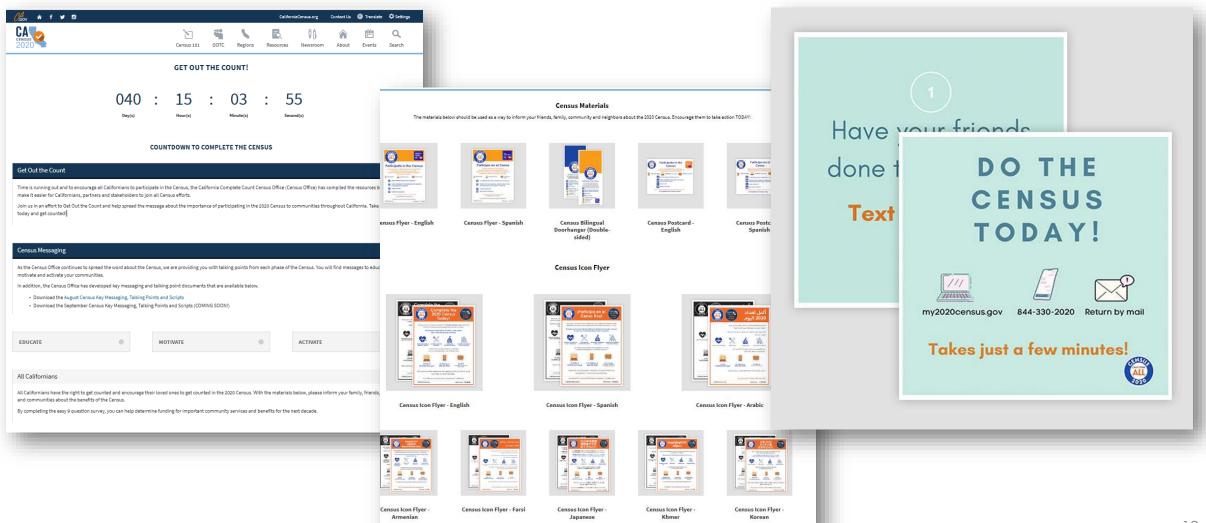


## Census Office - Organizational Chart





## **General Recommendations**





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**Questions?** 

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